City of Asheville NEA Our Town Grant Proposal Guidelines (2012)

Proposal guidelines for the City of Asheville to consider being the local government partner for the 2012 NEA Our Town Grant

The City of Asheville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is accepting proposals from eligible non-profit cultural (arts or design) organizations in Asheville who need a local government partner as part of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant application.

Per the NEA grant guidelines, local governments are limited to only one application.

As outlined in the NEA grant guidelines, an eligible lead applicant organization must:

- Have a 3-year history of programming prior to the application deadline.
- Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements," including nonprofit, tax-exempt status, as
 detailed in the Grants for Arts Projects guidelines, at the time of the application.
- Have submitted acceptable Final Report packages by the due date for all Arts Endowment awards previously received.
- Have a DUNS number
- Be registered with Central Contractor Registration (CCR) and maintain active CCR registration until the application is complete

Organizations are encouraged to review the NEA Our Town Grant Guidelines for detailed information regarding eligibility, project funding, intended outcomes, and other specifics about the grant and the process at www.nea.gov.

Proposals will be reviewed by the City of Asheville Public Art and Cultural Commission who will make a recommendation to City Council regarding the grant partnership.

Proposal Submission & Deadline

Proposal forms may be downloaded from City of Asheville Web site at www.ashevillenc.gov/parks.

All proposals must be received by City of Asheville by noon on Wednesday, January 16, 2012.

Proposals must be mailed or hand delivered. Email and fax submissions will not be considered.

The mailing address is:

City of Asheville, Cultural Arts Division PO Box 7148 Asheville, NC 28802 The physical address for deliveries is:

City of Asheville, Cultural Arts Division 70 Court Plaza 4th Floor Asheville, NC 28801

For questions or additional information please contact Diane Ruggiero, Superintendent of Cultural Arts at druggiero@ashevillenc.gov or 259-5815.